



Mary Mollineux

On the Sight of a Skull

Mary Mollineux (born Mary Southworth) was probably the daughter of Catholic parents who converted to Quakerism, differed from many of her Quaker contemporaries because of an early education in Latin, Greek, science, and arithmetic.

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Behold, ambitious lump of clay refined,  
 Thy epilogue; see, see to what design'd!  
 So soon as thou wert born, so soon as air  
 Affords thee breath, thy vitals to repair,  
 So soon as thy small feeble embrion breast  
 Is of an active power, unknown, possess'd;  
 So soon thou may'st expect the dreadful day,  
 When thou once more must be reduc'd to clay,  
 And the whole fabrick of thy body must  
 Again be brought to its first nothing, dust:  
 Then shall those eyes, those crystal eyes of thine,  
 Which now like sparkling diamonds do shine,  
 Their little chambers circular forsake,  
 And them to essence more obscure betake;  
 The tender funnel of thy nose must thence  
 Corroded be, and lose its smelling Sense;  
 And all the volume of thy face will be  
 So chang'd, none may thereby remember thee.

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